



**Agenda Item Number: 2009-1-10B**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** January 27, 2009

**Department:** Commission **Staff Contact:** Commissioner Art De La Cruz, District 2

**TITLE:** Naming the South Valley Economic Development Center

**ACTION:** Motion to approve Administrative Resolution **AR** 2009 naming the South Valley Economic Development center located at 318 Isleta Blvd. SW after former County Commissioner and City Councilor Steve D. Gallegos.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Board of County Commissioners would like to recognize the accomplishments of former County Commissioner and City Councilor Steve D. Gallegos, who dedicated over a decade of public service to ensure that critical infrastructure, necessary facilities and much needed health and social service programs were placed in the South Valley.

Steve D. Gallegos is a lifelong South Valley resident who brought much needed improvements to the South Valley. He worked diligently in the reconstruction of Isleta Boulevard Phase I, the completion of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center, the South Valley Water and Sewer project, the South Valley Health Commons and the South Valley Economic Development Center. Steve recently retired from the Mid-Region Council of Governments as a Regional Criminal Justice Specialist and currently serves as President of the Gordon Bernell Charter School Board of Directors.

It was during his tenure as County Commissioner that the County constructed the economic development center to provide an incubator to launch small businesses that would stimulate the local economy and provide jobs.

In 2005, the South Valley Economic Development Center opened in which several successful businesses relocated their business including Hospice De La Luz, Albucookie, Dolores' Salsa, La Resolana Leadership Academy and Complete Financial Services LLC.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Administrative Resolution AR -2009

**STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

**COUNTY MANAGER**

Steve Gallegos has provided leadership and has been instrumental in initiating vital projects for not only the South Valley but for all of Bernalillo County. Steve has always fought for small businesses and was a small business owner himself. I recommend Board approval of naming the South Valley Economic Development Center after Steve D. Gallegos to honor his commitment to the South Valley and small businesses. I recommend Board approval. TL 1/20/2009

**DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

This action will be a testimony to former Commissioner Steve Gallegos's continued commitment to the citizens of the South Valley by creating this opportunity to enhance their quality of life. I Recommend Board Approval. JMB 01/20/09

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Approved as to form. JSL 1/20/2009